

HORSE HEAVEN

And the Peculiar Breed of Horses Discussed During the Star Route Trial.

In the star route trial yesterday Thomas W. Steele, of Arizona, was called to the stand, and testified with regard to the route from Tucson to Clinton.

Mr. Steele then proceeded to put in the official papers connected with the California route from Julian to Colton.

Jacob Berger, a former subcontractor on the route, gave testimony concerning the petition and other details of the route.

John C. Hayes, another subcontractor, testified that the contractors did not ask him the number of stock used on the route. One of Mr. Steele's letters to witnesses stated that the proposed reduction of schedule to thirty-six hours could not be secured, because Italy insisted upon a twenty-six hour schedule. Mr. Steele also stated it was a mistake to suppose that the route was a profitable one. He stated that the route was a profitable one, and that the route was a profitable one.

A schedule put by the court relative to the number of extra horses required, led to a discussion.

Mr. Davidson asserted that the fallacy shown by the government in the whole case had been in the assumption that the number of stock on a route in any one time was large enough to stock that route for four years. The court carefully asked why they should not count the stock to the wall of the contractors. He contended that the postal regulations meant only the men and horses actually employed in carrying the mail. In response to Mr. Davidson, the court said it would not pass upon the question of the number of horses.

The witness then testified by the government, and corroborated the testimony of the preceding witnesses as to the number of stock required on the route. His cross-examination by Mr. Ingersoll caused much amusement. He stated the average life of a horse at twenty-five years, but finally admitted that the only horse that he had possessed had been "given his liberty."

Mr. Ingersoll, "And what is he doing now; is he kicking out a grave?"

A. I don't know never asked him that question. [Laughter.] Witness said he had carried the mail for fourteen years without losing a horse, had two extra horses, but did not need them.

Mr. Ingersoll. What is the breed of your horses?

A. California horses.

Q. Would you sell your horses?

Mr. Steele. I do not.

Mr. Ingersoll. You never had such an opportunity to buy a horse before.

Mr. Steele. I don't want the witness to be "taken in."

Mr. Ingersoll. I don't want to cheat him. Well, men are not immortal, horses are. [Laughter.]

After the reading of a number of official papers connected with the route from Silverton, Col., to Parrott City—the sixteenth route of the indictment—the court adjourned.

Chesapeake Beach.

A railroad company has been formed to build a road direct to the Chesapeake bay via Upper Marlboro, a distance of twenty-seven miles. The gentlemen interested in this road have purchased about 1,000 acres of land at "Chesapeake Beach," with three miles of beach frontage, which they propose to improve with hotels, cottages, camp grounds, parks, etc. The time required to reach the bay will only be about forty-five minutes. The proprietors claim that Chesapeake Beach will rival Cape May, Atlantic City, and other popular resorts, as it will require only a short time to reach it. The directors are Hon. Garrett A. Hobart, of Patterson, N. J.; Col. S. Taylor, of Suitland, Md.; Hon. John C. New, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Hon. George M. Robeson, of New Jersey; E. D. Reed, of New York; and others. Col. Suit is the president and Mr. New treasurer.

This will be a very important road to the overworked citizens of this city and Baltimore, and already a large number of prominent citizens have made applications for cottage sites.

The road will be pushed to early completion, and it is expected by the first of July it will be ready for business.

Important Sales of Real Estate.

As has already been indicated in THE REPUBLICAN, the real estate market has opened well, and Messrs. Fitch, Fox & Brown, real estate brokers, state that they anticipate large sales during the coming spring. They report the following sales as recently made by them: The fine residence of ex-Attorney General Williams, with the furniture thereon, to James Fitch, esq., of Philadelphia, for \$55,000; and for W. B. Hill, trustee for Mrs. E. R. Chew, the fine building site on the northeast corner of Seventeenth and H streets, to Lieut. F. H. Paine, for \$5,155; also, for Mrs. Mary D. Biddle, trustee, of Philadelphia, four lots in the subdivision of north grounds, Columbia university, to Emily Berliner, esq., of Boston, for \$3,025, being at the rate of 121 cents per square foot; also, for Capt. George E. Lemon, the only remaining house of the block recently built by him on lot 10, place, short time to Mrs. Rush B. Wallace, for \$30,000 cash; also, in connection with Thomas E. Wagman, real estate broker, the property at the southeast corner of Eighth and Q streets, for \$10,000; also, the property at the southeast corner of Ninth and Q streets, to Henry R. Elliott, esq., for \$3,000.

Police Court Notes.

Henry Myer gave his personal bonds to keep the peace for six months toward his father, John Myer, whom he was charged with having threatened.

Adeline Johnson was fined \$10 or thirty days for stealing groceries from Thomas J. Latham by whom she was employed as a servant.

William E. Smith was fined \$50 and cost for writing poetry and an appeal was noted.

Lizzie Lewis and Philip Briscoe, colored, were given thirty days each, the woman for selling the rattle belonging to a horse which she rented, for old iron, and the man for buying the same.

Michael Dunn, a capitol "guide," was charged with demanding seventy-five cents from Mr. James W. Higgins, of Massachusetts, for pointing out objects of interest. He was released on \$500 bail.

Edward Smith was sent down for fifteen days for assaulting Basil Williams.

James Parker was given sixty days for resisting Officer Myers, who arrested him.

Affairs of the District.

Building permits were issued yesterday to Henry Heffner, to build one brick dwelling on Fifth street, between I and K streets northeast, to cost \$500; William Thomas, to build one frame dwelling on M street southwest, to cost \$100; Edmund Fitzgerald, to build two brick dwellings on Second street, between F and G streets southwest, to cost \$1,400; J. F. Cox, to make repairs at 29 DeFries street northwest, to cost \$75; Mrs. Mary Fullmer, to make repairs on E street, between Third and Fourth-half streets southwest, to cost \$300; Otto Brunen, to make repairs at 1815 L street northwest, to cost \$25.

The total amount of collections of taxes for the month of January was \$245,082.

A citizen has written a protest to the commissioners against the erection of young saplings and planting of trees on F street, between Ninth and Fifteenth streets northwest.

Odd Fellows' Mutual Relief.

The monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Odd Fellows' Mutual Relief association was held last evening, and a gratifying condition was reported. Under the liberal inducements offered to the membership of the several lodges to become members during the present year over sixty new members were elected. Members who have been suspended can be reinstated for a more nominal sum for the next few months.

The "Molly Macks" in Jail.

George Butler and John Hudson, two members of a gang in East Washington known as the "Molly Macks" were tried in the police court yesterday for burglarizing the house of Mr. N. Longman, No. 222 Eleventh street northwest. There were twelve witnesses called, and the case was turned by Officer Edouard E. Johnson, who was committed for the grand jury last Saturday, and Watt Butler, alias Hawkins, who es-

caped through the failure of the clerk to make out a commitment. The testimony of Mr. Longman, Officer Edouard, and John Murray, a member of the gang, was heard, and the two defendants were committed for the action of the grand jury in default of \$5,000 bonds each. Murray was committed as a witness in default of \$1,000 bail. The prisoners are said to be connected with a number of other burglaries.

THE LOCAL COURTS.

What Grist was Ground out from the Legal Mill Yesterday.

REMOVAL OF CARPENTER'S LAW BOOKS. The books belonging to the estate of the late Senator Carpenter, which were reserved from sale by Mrs. Carpenter, have been classified in a report of the administrator to the probate court. They are valued at \$507.40, and are composed chiefly of law books and Congressional Globes and Reports, but containing a few volumes of poetry and Greek and Latin authors.

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